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[*on the report of the Third Committee (A/52/637)*]

52/94. United Nations Development Fund for Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/133 of 16 December 1976, in which it established the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women, and the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women,[1] which reaffirmed that the Fund had the mandate to increase options and opportunities for women's economic and social development in developing countries,

Recalling also its resolution 39/125 of 14 December 1984, in which it decided to transform the Voluntary Fund into the United Nations Development Fund for Women and to make the Fund a separate and identifiable entity in autonomous association with the United Nations Development Programme,

Stressing the important contribution the Fund continues to make in providing technical assistance to enable Governments and organizations of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to formulate and support policies and innovative activities that directly benefit and empower women,

Considering the innovative and experimental activities of the Fund directed towards strengthening both governmental and non-governmental institutional capacities to ensure women access to development cooperation resources and full participation at all levels in the development process,

Taking note of the importance of the work of the Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women in policy and programme directions, in accordance with the mandate of the Fund,

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[1] *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women;[2]

2. *Emphasizes* the important work of the Fund in women's empowerment and gender equality within the framework of implementing the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women, and, in that context, notes the recently adopted strategy and business plan;

3. *Reaffirms* the catalytic role of the Fund in further developing and strengthening women's empowerment by enhancing the integration of a gender perspective into all development programmes, in accordance with its mandate;

4. *Stresses* the role of the Fund as a development fund in supporting activities related to women's economic and social development in developing countries;

5. *Notes* the intention of the Fund further to focus its interventions in support of women's empowerment and gender equality;

6. *Encourages* the Fund to continue to contribute to mainstreaming a gender perspective into all development efforts of Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and civil society;

7. *Also encourages* the Fund to strengthen its work within the United Nations system at the national level through the resident coordinator system, focusing on strategic interventions and building upon its comparative advantages, in order to promote systemic change, in particular with regard to women's political and economic empowerment;

8. *Endorses* the role of the Fund in strengthening women's economic capacity, encouraging women to become key economic players in combating the feminization of poverty and strengthening women's leadership and political empowerment so as to increase their participation in decision-making processes;

9. *Recognizes* the important role the Fund plays in promoting the realization of women's civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights so as to facilitate their full participation in society;

10. *Welcomes* the operationalization of the Trust Fund in Support of Action to Eliminate Violence against Women, and requests the United Nations Development Fund for Women to disseminate information on best practices and strategic interventions funded under that initiative which should contribute to the eradication of violence against women as an obstacle to development;

11. *Encourages* the United Nations Development Fund for Women, in order to fulfil its mandate, to continue to mobilize resources for its activities in a comprehensive manner from all available sources, including the private sector, and urges all Member States to contribute and to consider increasing their contributions to the Fund;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session a report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women, to be submitted in accordance with resolution 39/125.

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[2] A/52/300, annex.